

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

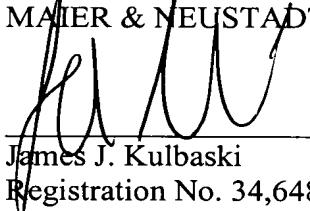
Claims 1-5, 10-13, and 18-22 are pending in the present application; claims 1, 10, and 18 having been amended, and claims 6-9, 14-17, and 23-26 having been canceled by way of the present amendment.

The present amendment cancels claims in order to conform with the requirements for a First-Action Interview. Further, the claims have been amended to appropriately recite Applicant's invention.

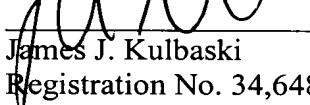
Consequently, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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